

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR AND SERGEANT MAJOR



ENLISTED SOLDIERS WHO ATTAIN THE DISTINCTION OF BEING SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMAND SERGEANTS MAJOR PROGRAM ARE THE EPITOME OF SUCCESS IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELD, IN THIS PROFESSION OF ARMS. THERE IS NO HIGHER GRADE OF RANK, EXCEPT SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY, FOR ENLISTED SOLDIERS AND THERE IS NO GREATER HONOR.

THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR CARRIES OUT POLICIES AND STANDARDS OF THE PERFORMANCE, TRAINING, APPEARANCE, AND CONDUCT OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL. THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR ADVISES AND INITIATES RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMANDER AND STAFF IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE LOCAL NCO SUPPORT CHANNEL.

PERHAPS SLIGHTLY WISER AND MORE EXPERIENCED THAN THE FIRST SERGEANT, THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR IS EXPECTED TO FUNCTION COMPLETELY WITHOUT SUPERVISION. LIKE THE OLD SAGE OF TIMES PAST, THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR'S COUNSEL IS EXPECTED TO BE CALM, SETTLED, AND UNEQUIVOCALLY ACCURATE, BUT WITH AN ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM THAT NEVER WANES, EVEN IN THE WORST OF TIMES.

ASSIGNABLE TO ANY BILLET IN THE ARMY, THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR IS ALL THOSE THINGS, AND MORE, OF EACH OF THE PRECEDING GRADES OF RANK.

THE SERGEANT MAJOR IS GENERALLY THE KEY ENLISTED MEMBER OF STAFF ELEMENTS AT LEVELS HIGHER THAN BATTALION. THE SERGEANT MAJOR'S EXPERIENCE AND ABILITY ARE EQUAL TO THAT OF THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR, BUT THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE REGARDING LEADERSHIP IS GENERALLY LIMITED TO THOSE DIRECTLY UNDER HIS OR HER CHARGE.